

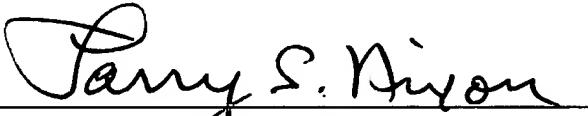
REMARKS

New claims 12-26 are directed to the three-port connecting unit (the T-piece). The new claims include claims directed generally to the automatic by-pass function (whereby, for example, if in Figure 1 the Unit 2 power is down, the "third port" of T-piece 5 connected to Unit 2 is automatically by-passed).

Entry of these claims and an early and favorable substantive action allowing all pending claims 1-26 is respectfully solicited.

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